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THE RISE

and on these we have just the

SAME OLD PRICES and today they cannot be bought at our selling prices.

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PERSONAL POINTERS FITZLY PRINTED.

Various Items Garnered From This and Other Fields—What Our People Are Doing.

Hot Sodas at Wade's.—5
Miss Besale Proctor has returned from Savannah.

Money to loan. K. B. Harvey, agt.
Prepared buckwheat flour at King & Shirley's.

Dr. V. H. Voorhis, of Fort Myers, was in town this week.

Family board, \$4 a week, Lemon Bay and Gulf.—K. B. Harvey, agt.

County politics are becoming interesting. May the best men win.

Second-hand bedstead for sale at half value at THE HERALD office.

Finest line of sweet and Irish potatoes delivered in plenty time for dinner by J. A. Newsome.

Mrs. N. L. Langford and children left Tuesday for Fort Myers, where they will reside in the future.

Tomato plants for sale by P. L. McAdow, Boca Grande. 42c

Fresh bread daily at Newsome's.

Town council met Tuesday night and transacted routine business chiefly.

The prettiest line of fancy white goods ever seen at Earnest's.

Redfield Beauty tomato plants for sale.—J. F. Glithens, on Seavy place.—5c.

Gen. Gilchrist visited Arcadia, Wauchula and Zolfo Springs on business this week.

See the pretty new Spring goods, the prettiest ever produced, at Earnest's.

For the freshest vegetables and fruits, call on or 'phone to King & Shirley, Dade Block.—5

Best sleight of hand show of the season—Bowman's, in the school house Saturday night.

The largest and best selected line of Hosiery ever seen in South Florida at Earnest's.

Fine home-made sausage at J. A. Newsome's.

Mr. Frank Blount is over on the East coast, where he has a fine crop of tomatoes coming on. His crop escaped the frosts.

See that new and handsome line of spring goods at Earnest's.—5

Jardinieres, flowerpots and kitchen crockery at the China Store of Robinson & Co.

Messrs. King & Shirley, popular grocers, moved their stock of goods this week into the large store room in the Dade block.

Ladies' straw hats, latest styles, just received.—J. R. Elliott.

Sweet, fresh butter, best quality, a specialty, at J. A. Newsome's.

The Epworth League had a very pleasant social last night at the Stetson home on Retta Esplanade. It was for the benefit of the members.

Valentine's day is approaching. Those wanting appropriate missives can find them at the China Store of Robinson & Co.

A Hot Chocolate of a cool evening at Wade's.—5

Dr. Wm. C. Warren, an eminent physician of Atlanta and a cousin to our Ed M. and Robt. L. Earnest, arrived Monday on a visit of uncertain duration.

We are busy taking stock, but never too busy to show our bargains in clothing and winter goods.—J. R. Elliott.

For the choicest fresh western pork, mutton and beef, go or 'phone to J. A. Newsome.

Mrs. Huffman and her Sunday school class of the Baptist church will serve cream and cake Saturday afternoon at the Trinka building opposite the bank.

See that beautiful new spring line of shirts and underwear at Earnest's.

Every body is invited to call and see us in our new quarters in the Dade Block—King & Shirley.—5

Mr. Richard S. Windham is building a nice 5 room cottage on his place on Alligator creek. This looks as if he had matrimonial designs on some fascinating creature.

Why not treat yourself to a new suit while you can get it at one-half its value? We have several of these suits left.—J. R. Elliott

Finest grades of Mocha and Java coffees, ground or unground, in packages to suit, at J. A. Newsome's.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist church will elect officers for the ensuing year next Monday at the church at 2:30 p. m. All members are cordially invited to be present.

We are making a clean sweep in all winter goods at very low prices. Better come before they are picked over.—J. R. Elliott.

Showers fell here Saturday and Sunday, and a high wind prevailed Monday followed by a cold wave Tuesday morning.

Furnished cottage, on-the-Gulf, to rent for season.—K. B. Harvey, Agt.

Full line of fresh vegetables and fruits at J. A. Newsome's.

Mr. N. G. Broome, the bustling editor of the Zolfo Advertiser, brightened this office with a call last Saturday.

Those half-price suits are going; if you want one of the best bargains in clothing you ever saw, come and see us.—J. R. Elliott.

Mrs. Joe C. Whittaker and baby spent the week here visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Parker.

For the choicest fresh western pork, mutton and beef, go or 'phone to J. A. Newsome.

Just received, a new line of mechanical's overalls and jumpers, union made, all sizes, with or without aprons.—J. R. Elliott.

The county commissioners were in session Monday and Tuesday, but did not do anything of unusual importance.

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping, putting under carpets and etc., may be had at THE HERALD office for 30c. per hundred.

Mr. J. G. King, solid young citizen of Arcadia, and Maj. W. G. Welles, lumber prince of Nocatee, were here on business last Saturday.

See that beautiful line of new embroideries at Earnest's.

Prompt attention to all orders for first class groceries of all kinds.—King & Shirley, Phone 67.—5

Col. C. C. Morgan, popular and able lawyer of Ft. Ogden, was here on business Tuesday and paid an agreeable call at this office.

New line of men's fancy shirts and underwear, the latest spring styles, just received at Earnest's.

Best line of teas and coffees at King and Shirley's, 'Phone 67.—5

Those who are fond of the mysterious, should go to the Bowman show in the school house Saturday night. Reserved seats at Wade's drug store.

You don't have to wait till dinner time to get your groceries, if you order or 'phone to J. A. Newsome. Quick deliveries are his rule.

Startling spiritualistic manifestations will be given by Prof. and Mrs. S. R. Bowman in the school house tomorrow (Saturday) night. Reserved seats at Wade's drug store.

Other people may be richer, other stores larger, but none have better purer or more reliable drugs and medicines or treat customers more politely than W. A. Roberts.—12

Rev. J. E. McIntosh and his nephew, Mr. Glenn Smith, have bought forty acres of fine land near Arcadia and are busy making preparations to put out an orange grove on the property.

If you want anything to eat and want it quick, order of King and Shirley, Dade Block, 'Phone 67.—5

We have the latest styles in men's shoes. If you want a dressy, up-to-date shoe, we can please you.—J. R. Elliott.

The Rt. Rev. William Crane Gray, Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Florida, will preach in the Episcopal church here on the morning and night of the 17th inst.—Ash Wednesday.

Beats any syrup yet brought here—that syrup of the new crop, just in, at J. A. Newsome's.

New spring goods daily expected; selling winter stock way down to make room for them.—J. R. Elliott.

Mr. P. A. Cook has bought of Julius Kaufman the famous 5-legged cow, which the latter discovered in Polk county, and she was expected to arrive here from Ocala this week. Mr. Cook will exhibit her at the St. Louis exposition.

Too busy this week taking stock to write new advertisements, but not too busy to wait on customers and give them cut prices on all winter goods.—J. R. Elliott.

Mr. Ed Wotitzky returned last week from the sad errand of taking his father's body to New York for burial. The weather was very cold up there, but he escaped any serious effects and on his return looked unusually well.

Mr. J. D. Southland, of Wauchula, county tax collector, visited this city last Friday and incidentally favored THE HERALD with a pleasant call. He may become a candidate for re-election; if so, having made an efficient official, he will receive a warm support.

Messrs. J. B. and E. T. Cox brothers, who have long been in business here, have decided to go to Fort Myers and open a furniture store there. During their residence here, they did a successful business and made many friends, who will regret to lose them, but will wish them prosperity and success in their new home.

Mrs. Ed. M. Earnest left on yesterday for Baltimore and New York for the purpose of buying a big stock of fancy goods and spring millinery for the Earnest Dry Goods Co. On her return, she will bring with her Miss Florence Ballard, who is well known

and popular here from having been the expert artist in charge of the Earnest millinery department several seasons ago.

Col. Elam B. Carlton, of Wauchula, was mingling with his many friends here Tuesday. He wants to divide DeSoto into three counties, and he backs up the proposition with a strong argument.

The cold wave predicted for last week became belated and did not reach here until Friday morning, when the thermometer fell to 40 degrees above. The cold passed off by noon.

The show given in the school house, Tuesday night, by Prof. and Mrs. Bowman was a good one and all who attended, were well pleased. They will give another entertainment in the school house tomorrow (Saturday) night.

We were fortunate in securing six months ago a large lot of India linens before they advanced in prices and are able to sell them now at what they will cost to-day to produce. Compare the quality with others and you will be convinced. A saving of 25 per cent. at Earnest's.

A large and interesting party of pretty young ladies and handsome young gentlemen from Arcadia, chaperoned by Mayor Burton, of that city, illuminated Punta Gorda with their presence yesterday and delighted THE HERALD with a call.

Ocala Banner.—Mr. B. W. Blount of this city, a large turpentine operator, has just purchased from Gen. A. W. Gilchrist, of Punta Gorda, a "patch" of timber consisting of 56,840 acres. When Ocala people do things they do them on a big scale.

It is understood that, in compliance with the expressed wishes of many friends throughout the county, Hon. A. C. Freeman, county commissioner from this district, will be a candidate for sheriff. He will prove a strong candidate, if he decides to run, and it seems settled that he will.

Punta Gorda has more elections to the square inch than any other town in the State. One was held Tuesday to fill a vacancy on the council caused by the resignation of M. T. Swift. After a very quiet contest, in which 33 votes were polled, B. Bassett was elected without opposition. Now that we have a full board, we hope none of them will die or resign.

Armour & Co. will demonstrate to all truckers and citrus fruit tree growers that they are perfectly reliable in putting up the grade of goods they advertise. In the past year their fertilizer business has increased 50 per cent, which is enough to tell you their fertilizers are first class. For sale by A. Roe. 2-3t

Judge T. J. Lawton, of Arcadia, favored this office with a call Monday and exhibited some cuts of attractive additions to his list of pianos and organs, which, at the prices given, should bring him many customers. Those interested in musical instruments would consult their interests by addressing him at Arcadia, if they do not choose to wait for his monthly visits on or about the 15th of each month. 2-4t

Hotel Punta Gorda, under the excellent management on Hon. Jos. H. Concannon, is enjoying the largest business it has had in several years. Since the opening a month ago, several hundred guests have been entertained and about sixty are now enjoying the superior comforts of the house. The boating, fishing and hunting are daily attractions and contribute greatly to the happiness of the guests.

Judge and Mrs. George U. Holcomb, of Arcadia, have issued cards of invitation to the wedding of their daughter, Miss Effie Marie, to Mr. James Garfield King, which will be celebrated at 2:30 p. m. February 16 inst., in the first Baptist church in Arcadia. The bride-to-be is a lovely and accomplished young lady, while the prospective groom is one of the foremost young gentlemen of DeSoto county. A host of friends of the happy pair feel a keen interest in their wedding and rejoice sincerely in their happiness.

The town of Punta Gorda is now out of debt and has cash in its treasury to meet all present demands. For this, Mayor Concannon deserves a large measure of credit, as besides compelling municipal offenders to pay their fines, he induced the Florida Commercial Company to pay their taxes for 1902. The company, which is perhaps our largest taxpayer, is now ready to pay the taxes of 1903. Money is also coming in from other sources and placing the town on a solid financial basis. Being blessed now with an efficient government, the town is likely to progress finely this year.

PORT ITEMS.

Schooner James Pierce, Vail, master, arrived from Havana, Cuba, January 23, and completed loading cargo of 2,350 tons phosphate rock for Baltimore January 29.

Schooner Major Pickard, Rodick, master, arrived January 27 from San Juan, Porto Rico, and is loading a cargo of phosphate rock for Baltimore.

Schooner Harry T. Hayward, Colcord, master, arrived from Galveston February 3 and will load cargo of 1,650 tons phosphate rock for Baltimore, Md.

CARD OF THANKS.

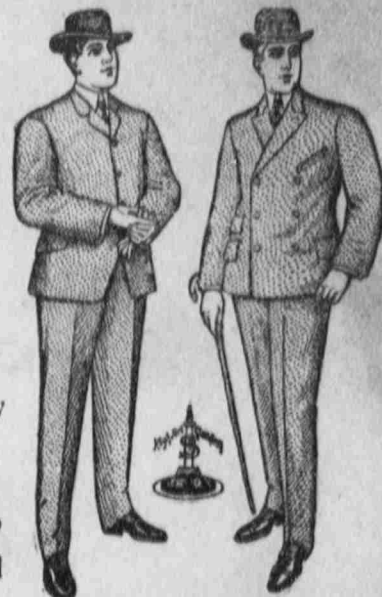
We wish to thank our friends for their loving kindness to us during the illness and death of our little daughter.

MR. AND MRS. J. A. McLANE.

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In going through our stock, we find 35 suits in odd lot numbers which we are closing out regardless of cost at following prices:

\$16.00 suits	at	\$8.00
15.00 "	at	7.50
13.00 "	at	6.50
12.00 "	at	6.00
10.00 "	at	5.00
6.00 "	at	3.00



and all other suits at very low prices.

Ladies' and Misses' Capes, Reefers, and Jackets; also all

WINTER DRESS GOODS, MILLINERY AND HEAVY UNDERWEAR; All Coming Under the Sledge-Hammer of Reduction.

We need the room for spring goods and must have it.

It Will Pay You

To investigate our prices and quality of our goods.

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Phone 10.

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JAMES A. NEWSOME has bought out Hon. Geo. W. McLane's Stock, and now has not only a DOUBLE SUPPLY OF GROCERIES of every description, but also an Up-to-Date

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